

Churahi

Churahi (Takri: चुराही) is a language spoken in the Chaurah and Saluni Tehsil of Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh. The language is considered vulnerable.^[2]

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Adages

चुराही	चुराही	Transliteration (ITRANS)	Equivalent Adage or meaning in English
ऊधु गैउउ ऊधु	अधधु मैहणु अधमा	adhadhu maihaNu adhamA	Empty vessel makes much noise.
एउडी कल ऊउडी	एऊडी कल जतरूडा	eUDI kala jatarUDA	A bad deed has a bad outcome.
मरनु त ध्रुव थोड़ा करनी	मरनु त ध्रुव थोड़ा करनी	maranu ta dhruva th^o.DA karanI	If one has to die, why make excuses?
जेई कालू भुतिया तेई द्वारा भेड़ियोरू	जेई कालू भुतिया तेई द्वारा भेड़ियोरू	jel kAIU bhutiyA tel dvArA bhe.DiyorU	To ignore some grave danger.

Script

The native script of the language is Takri script.

Status

The language is commonly called Pahari or Himachali. Some speaker may even call it a dialect of Dogri. The language has no official status. According to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the language is of definitely endangered category, i.e. many Churahi children are not learning Churahi as their mother tongue any longer.^[3]

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Churahi written in Takri Script	
Native to	Himachal Pradesh
Region	Chaurah, Saluni
Native speakers	75,552; total count conflates with Pahari and Hindi
Language family	<div>Indo-European<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Aryan<ul style="list-style-type: none">North-Western<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western Pahari<ul style="list-style-type: none">Churahi</div>
Dialects	Churahi
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cdj
Glottolog	chur1258 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/chur1258) Churahi ^[1]

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The demand for the inclusion of 'Pahari (Himachali)' under the Eight Schedule of the Constitution, which is supposed to represent multiple Pahari languages of Himachal Pradesh, had been made in the year 2010 by the state's Vidhan Sabha.^[4] There has been no positive progress on this matter since then even when small organisations are taking up to themselves to save the language and demanding it.^[5] Due to political interest, the language is currently recorded as a dialect of Hindi,^[6] even when having a poor mutual intelligibility with it and having a higher mutual intelligibility with other recognised languages like Dogri and other Western Pahari languages.

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